Media Information



Columbus Division of Police Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Date: 8/29/2020

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide Date: 8/6/20 Time: 6:20PM

Location of Offense/Incident: E Livingston & Zettler Zone: 2 Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 200585238 Cruiser District: 91

Victim: Perniel Hook (Deceased)	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 17
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Suspect: Kaishawn Watts	Address: 893 S. Weyant Ave.		
	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 22
Charges: Murder			
Suspect:	Address:		
☐ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File	Sex:	Race:	Age:
Charges:			

Incident Summary:

On Thursday, August 6, 2020, at 6:20PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the area of E. Livingston Ave. and Linwood Ave. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found a juvenile male suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. CFD Medic 15 responded to the scene and transported the victim to Grant Hospital in critical condition.

The initial investigation revealed, that the incident began in the area of 893 S. Weyant Ave. The victim was the passenger in a car near that location when an armed male began following the car the victim was in. The driver attempted to flee, but the male began shooting, wounding the victim. The driver was able to call for help and stopped near the intersection Livingston Ave. and Linwood Ave. where officers located the driver and the victim.

UPDATE 8/7/20: On August 7, 2020, at 8:43PM, Perniel Hook succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased by attending physicians.

UPDATE 8/12/20: Columbus Police Homicide Detectives have filed an arrest warrant for Kaishawn Watts. Mr. Kaishawn Watts has been charged with Murder for causing the death of Mr. Hook.

UPDATE 8/29/20: Mr. Kaishawn Watts has been arrested.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Incident #200585238. Detective Boyle is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Collins.

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